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In the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, the Examiner cites Dike, "A user-mode port of the Linux kernel", October 10-14, 2000. While rejecting claim 1, the Examiner states at the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action that "Dike discloses a method of slicing the AS/400 with logical partitioning and user operators accessing data based on operators assigned control in a portioned system (page 51, 68, 176, and 184)".

The Applicant believes this citation is in error. Dike does not disclose such a method. Furthermore, a separate reference entitled "Slicing the AS/400 with Logical Partitioning: A How to Guide" by Schimunek *et al.* was cited in the corresponding European Search Report. Clarification as to which reference is intended to be cited against claim 1 of the present application is respectfully requested.

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As this error in citation is being called to the attention of the USPTO within one month of the mailing date of the Office Action, the Office is requested to restart the period for reply in accordance with §710.06 of the MPEP.

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